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SUBJ: ICAO: ELECTION OF NEW SECRETARY GENERAL

1. ALTERNATE USREP ATTENDED A BUFFET EVENING OF 9 MARCH HOSTED BY MR. BINAGHI, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL. DURING THE EVENING SECRETARY GENERAL KOTAITE ONCE AGAIN STRESSED FACT THAT HE WAS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE USMISSION IN ANY WAY DEEMED APPROPRIATE IN PURSUING MRS. DILLON'S NOMINATION FOR POST OF SYG. HE EXPRESS-ED UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHY FOR THE PERSONAL CRISIS THAT MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR MRS. DILLON TO BE IN MONTREAL AT THIS TIME BUT STRESSED THE HOPE THAT SOMETHING COULD BE WORKED OUT TO ENABLE HER TO RETURN SOON. HE MENTIONED THAT MUCH "WORK" WAS BEING DONE IN THE CORRIDORS AT THIS TIME.

2. LATER MR. SORENSON FROM SWEDEN STATED THAT IN HIS VIEW A CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS MAY NOT BE THE DETERMINING FACTOR IN THE ELECTION OF THE NEXT SYG. HE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT MUCH TACTICAL PLANNING WAS UNDERWAY SO AS TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN CANDIDATES AND THAT THE ABILITY TO SURVIVE THE FIRST BALLOT WILL REQUIRE MUCH WORK.

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3. COM. WALDNER OF ARGENTINA STATED THAT COM. LAMI-DOZO WILL

ARRIVE IN MONTREAL, SUNDAY, 14TH OF MARCH FOR "2 OR 3 DAY
VISIT."

4. THE ALTERNATE USREP WILL CONTINUE WORKING WITH MR. WALKER
11TH AND 12TH OF MARCH IN ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN HOW THE ELECTION
IS PROGRESSING.
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